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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS
FOR A SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 74083
WITH COGENT SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED
FOR THE PROVISION OF CONTINUED AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

SUBJECT

This letter provides advance notification to your Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations for a Sole Source Amendment (Amendment) to Agreement Number 74083 (Agreement) with Cogent Systems, Incorporated (Cogent) for continued computer system maintenance services for the Los Angeles County (County) Automated Fingerprint Identification System (LAFIS). This Amendment will extend the Agreement for an additional two years, plus twelve months in any increment.

BACKGROUND

On July 23, 2002, the County entered into an Agreement with Cogent to develop a new replacement for AFIS, consolidating the Department's and the Los Angeles Police Department's systems. Cogent has provided maintenance services for LAFIS since July 23, 2002, through this Agreement. This Agreement was approved by your Board on July 23, 2002, and will expire on October 12, 2011.

The system is able to interface and access the State of California, Department of Justice's AFIS in order to search fingerprint data, images, and to provide timely identification of those arrested by all law enforcement agencies in the County, as well as identify fingerprint images discovered at crime scenes. Cogent's work has been completed and is currently in the maintenance phase of its contract.

A Tradition of Service

The County is currently working on a new Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit a replacement or upgrade of LAFIS. During the RFP process it is crucial that the exiting system has continuous maintenance support until the LAFIS replacement or upgrade is awarded and implemented. Furthermore, extending the Agreement with Cogent, which has provided continuous maintenance support of the LAFIS system for the past nine years, will ensure continuity of service for this critical system, which serves all law enforcement agencies in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The projected cost of the Amendment with Cogent is estimated at \$2,956,130 and will be funded by the Remote Access Network Board.

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

The Department believes it is in the County's best interest to extend the existing Agreement with Cogent to ensure that LAFIS is maintained properly while a new solicitation is being prepared.

It is more cost effective to extend the current Agreement as the creation of a new solicitation will require the devotion of substantial man hours from the Department, County Counsel, and the Chief Information Office. In addition, the time and effort to release a new solicitation will significantly impact Department resources dedicating their time to work on the new solicitation and eventually assist in the transition process to a new vendor if necessary.

The Chief Information Office has reviewed and concurs with this Sole Source approach.

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will engage in Sole Source negotiations with Cogent in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by your Board. Should additional information be requested, your staff may contact Angelo Faiella, Contract Manager, at (323) 526-5183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca".

LEROY D. BACA
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